

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. _____ 09/987,966, (now Patent No. 6,583,423) entitled "Article Irradiation System With Multiple Beam Paths " filed concurrently on November 16, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.